DEAR BRETHREN:—Let us as a church walk right close to our profession, which is the word of God. We claim the Bible as our only guide and as I understand the word to be powerful and mighty, and if you as dear brethren will preach that word in season and out of season, and we all as a church have that faith which was once delivered to the saints with much earnest prayer to God through Christ Jesus, I am sure that the middle wall of prejudice will fall of its own accord. I do believe the closer we walk with God the more blessings the church will receive; but we must not mind high things, or look for honor of man or from one another, but just to work for God and praise and adore his holy name through Christ Jesus. By so doing I believe that the church will prosper and many that are now speaking evil of the church will see the error of their way and come in and help us to fight the good battle. I truly believe if God is for us no one can harm us.

I would say as one of the weaker vessels, to one and all, ever be faithful and look to Jesus for our support. Let us all pray earnestly for the prosperity of the church at large and especially for our ministering brethren that utterance might be given them to declare the whole truth. This is my sincere prayer.

SISTER KLINE.

Lancaster, Pa.

May 15th.—A surprise party put in their appearance at my residence numbering about fifty, old and young. (This being my birth day.) Quite a number of gifts were presented by the party. Brother and sister Bashor did not come in time for dinner, but they were in time for the second meal, which was a spiritual meal, *reading* and *praying*. May the blessings of God our Saviour rest upon the donors for their kindness—hoping you may come again, knowing your labor and gifts are not in vain in the Lord. Even a cup of water given in the Master's name, the Lord will reward thee. Please accept the gratitude of our hearts in return. Yours truly, JOHN NICHOLSON.

Hudson, Iowa.

Dear Brethren and Sisters.—By the time this reaches you, you will have read the program of the S. S. Convention and, I hope, have made up your minds to attend it. Please let us make this a grand success by our presence and our help. I have word from nearly all those on the program and they all expect to act their part. And in addition to what is on the program we want a report from every S. S. of the Brethren in the State. Let every Supt. see that a report of his S. S. is brought to the convention, either by a delegate or by mail. Let it be gotten up something like this:

Brethren's S. S. at.....
Organized [month, day,].....1886
Supt. .....Sec. .....
No. of scholars enrolled .....
Average attendance—April and May. .....
No. of Classes .....
No. of Teachers .....
Average attendance of teachers .....
Music [vocal only or instrumental] .....
Do you hold penny collections?.....
Lesson helps .....

A. B. Secretary.

At some time during the Convention we will find time to hear all these reports that may be brought in. We ought to know what we are doing in the Brotherhood in S. S. work. It is very encouraging to hear that the good work is prospering at other places besides our own. Now dear bro. Supt. don't fail to have your school properly reported. If reported by letter address Eld. Josiah Keim, Louisville, O. or the writer.

H. S. JACOBS.

Homerville, O., Medina Co.

Notice.

The church at West Independence, Ohio, will hold a love-feast on Saturday evening, June 12th, commencing promptly at 7 o'clock. An invitation is extended to all, especially to the ministering Brethren.

A. M. RIDENOUR, Elder.

An Aged Saint Gone Home.

Sister Kline, of Lancaster, Pa., has buried her mother. While the natural mourns, the spiritual is glad. Elizabeth Bean "was a consistent member of the old Menonite church for 73 years." Joining church in her seventh year; well did she remember her Creator in the days of her youth, and in her old years her Creator remembered her. She was nearly ninety when she died. She was a home body, living and dying in her native county, Montgomery Co., Pa. She never was out of the county or on the cars. Her health was good and her mind was rational to the last hour, which was on April 11th. Her husband died nineteen years ago. Sister Bean's maiden name was Gottwlatz She was the mother of ten children, seven are now living; fourty-one grand children, and fourty-one great grand children, making nearly one hundred descendants. May they all be an honor to the race and of use to the Master. Sister Kline has our sympathy with others of the family. While mother Bean was old and had to die, she was mother, and there is pain in parting, but joy in the thought of the rest she enjoys and the peace there will be in the future meeting.

JOHN D. MCFADEN.

A Young Brother Rejoices.

Dear brothers and sisters:—Words cannot express the joy and gratification which fills my breast at this hour. After months of dire struggle, meditating which road to turn, I have at last come to the right path, which leads to everlasting life. Dear brothers and sisters pray for me and all others who have taken this road to salvation. Pray that we may continue in the straight and narrow way which leads to the "Pearly Gates." Oh why did we not receive this peace at heart years ago? Because we have not sought for it. Our blessed Lord and Savour in his sermon on the Mount, said, Ask and it shall be given unto you; Seek and ye shall find; Knock and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh recieveth, and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Why couch and cower at the coming of every storm? The sinner, when he sees the dark clouds rising over the horizon, trembles as they gather and turn darker and darker untill the sky is ore spread with the approaching storm. Then the lightnings flash and the thunders roll. Even the unbeliever sinks to his knees and begs for mercy, for he may think his last bitter hour has come.

On the other hand what can be said of him who loves his Master? He need not fear death: he is ever ready to depart from this "Vale of Tears" and journey to the land where sorrow can never enter.

We have started on the right road, thinking we will soon reach the other shore. The tempter will once more spend all his power and skill to lead us astray. Then O Lord give us strength that we may withstand the tempters power.

WM. F. HERMAN.

Elkport, Iowa.

"A Happy Day That Will Be"

The old adage, "better late than never," I suppose is a good one, so I enclose one dollar for the College, hoping that mine will not be the last, for I fear the one thousand sisters have not all responded yet. So Bro. Editor, when the last one responds please give us a list of all the names, so we may know how many sisters there are in the Brethren church. Now I hope every sister's name will be on the list. Then we will call for one dollar from each brother. We just want to know how many brethren we have too. Is there a brother that would not like to have his name on the list, as one that helped to free Ashland College? What a happy day that will be when we can proclaim Ashland College is free! If there is a brother or sister that would not like to hear that good news, he or she need not send in their name nor dollar. This is no compulsory matter; only a free will offering, after Bro. Holsinger has been begging, coaxing, pleading, for a year or more. I wonder how he keeps his spirits up so well in begging us all to do what it is our duty to do. We certainly would feel bad to hear of Ashland College being taken out of the hands of the Brethren. What a shame to the name of *Progression*.

God bless the EVANGELIST. It comes to us so laden with the good news of souls being converted to God. We eagerly look forward to its weekly visits, and wish it was twice as large. We would not do without it if it cost twice as much. Every brother and sister in the church ought to take the EVANGELIST.

I will say again to the Brethren Ministers if any ever pass this way on the Chicago and Alton R. R., stop off at Ocoya and preach some for us. We will be glad to welcome you to our home, believing there are precious souls here who need a Savior.

M. JENNIE FRANTZ.

Ocoya, Ill.

Donations to Colleges.

Following are some of the donations of rich men to colleges: John Hopkins gave $3,148,000 to the university which he founded. His gifts for benevolent purposes amounted to $8,000,000. Judge Packer gave $3,000,000 to Lehigh University; Cornelius Vanderbilt gave $1,000,000 to the Vanderbilt University; Wm. H. Vanderbilt left $100,000 to the same institution; Stephen Girard gave $8,000,000 to the Girard College; John C. Green and his residuary legatees gave $1,500,000 to Princeton College; Ezra Cornell gave $1,000,000 to Cornell University; Isaac Rich bequeathed the greater part of his estate, which was appraised at $1,700,000 to Boston University. On account of the great fire and shrinkage in value, and other unfortunate circumstances, the university will realize less than $700,000 from this magnificent bequest; Amasa Stone gave $600,000 to Adelbert College by direct gift and by bequest; W. W. Corcoran gave $170,000 to Columbian University in money and land; Benjamin Bussey gave real estate worth $500,000 to Harvard University; Samuel Williston, William S. Walker and Samuel A. Hitchcock gave between $100,000 and $200,000 each to Amherst College; Whitmer Phœnix gave the bulk of his property, amounting to about $640,000 to Columbia College; J. B. Trevor gave $170,000 to Rochester Theological Seminary; Matthew Vassar gave $800,000 to Vassar College; Gardner Colby gave $170,000 to Colby University, and $100,000 to Newton Theological Seminary; J. B. Colgate gave $300,000 to Madison University; George I Seney gave $450,000 to Wesleyan University; the Crozer family gave $300,000 to Crozer Theological Seminary.—*Independent.*

Who will give $5,000 to Ashland College?

A Nation's Curse.

The eminent Hindoo teacher, Keshub Chunder Sen, whose system of religious worship has attracted so much attention, before his death spoke as follows with reference to the terrible scourge of intemperance.

"So long as God is with us in this cause, we have nothing to fear. Roll, Roll back, then, O thou fatal tide of intemperance, and swallow no more the fair children of our Holy Father.

Statesmen, patriots, reformers, and philanthropists of England, come and strengthen our hands, that we may, by personal and individual influene, and by joint co-operation, save, if possible, both India and England from the effects of intemperance. Since the light of religion dawned upon my heart, I have never been the least skeptical about the result of human effort in the cause of truth. Whatever is done in the name of God does good and bears fruit. Let obstacles come in our way, but the day will come when, if temperance friends will speak, million-voiced and trumpet-tongued, parliament will hear; for God will make it hear, and a nation's curse will be obliterated forever."

Temper at Home.

I have peeped into quiet "parlors" where the carpet is clean and not old, and the furniture polished and bright; into "rooms" where the chairs are neat and the floor carpetless; into "kitchens" where the family live and the meals are cooked and eaten, and the boys and girls are as blithe as the sparrows in the thatch overhead; and I see that it is not so much wealth and learning, nor clothing, nor servants, nor toil, nor idleness, nor town, nor country, nor station, as tone and temper that renders homes happy or wretched. And I see, too, that in town or country good sense and God's grace make life what no teachers or accomplishments, or means of society can make it—the opening stave of an everlasting psalm; the fair beginning of an endless existence; the goodly, modest, well-proportioned vestibule to a temple of God's building that shall never decay, wax old, or vanish away. —*Dr. John Hall.*

Good Example.

A good example has been furnished by the Hon. Ion Keith Falconer, a distinguished Arabic scholar, who with his wife has established at his own cost a mission at Aden. If the abundant resources of the learned and wealthy could be, in part at least, used for establishing these centers of light in the dark portions of the earth, it would be the most practical and availing form of the prayer, which, alas, too often has but a sentimental meaning, "Thy Kingdom Come."

Practical Interest Needed.

Miss Bird, the authoress, says: "It is one thing to take a conventional interest in foreign missions at home, and another to consider them in the presence of thirty-six millions of heathens. In the latter case one is haunted by a perpetual sense of shame; first, for his own selfishness and apathy, and then for the selfishness and apathy, thousands of times multiplied, which are content to enjoy the temporal blessings by which Christianity has been accompanied, and the hope of life and immortality, unembittered by the thought of the hundreds of millions who are living and dying without these blessings and hope."

Dr. Philip Schaff is an authority for the statement that the Apocrypha is undergoing revision at the hands of a volunteer company of the Old and New Testament Revisers, including Bishop Lightfoot, Prof. Hort, Canon Westcott and Dr. Moulton, among others. The American Committee has nothing to do with this work, but still keeps up its organization, and will not dissolve until its agreement with the University Presses expires.

The gospel is preached in the Lutheran churches in this country, in thirteen languages, English, German, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Icelandic, Finnish, Bohemian, Polish, French, Servian, Slavonian, and Wendian.

Sisters Band to Raise 1,000 for Ashland College.

Mary Stitzman 1 00	Wm Riblett 50
M Jennie Frantz 1 00	Mary J Holsinger 1 00
Margaret Good 1 00	Mrs H W Wixon 1 00
Elizabeth Wise 1 00	

Sisters' Dollar donation from Pleasant Valley Church, Labette co., Kansa:

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